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REPLY TO ACTION OF AUGUST 19, 2005

In reply to the Office Action of August 19, 2005, applicant submits the following remarks.

Claims 4-13 and 46-55 are pending, with claims 4, 9, 46 and 51 being independent.

Initially, applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 47, 48, 52 and 53 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 4, 7-9, 12, 13, 46, 49-51, 54, 55 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Shibata (U.S. Patent No. 6,147,451) in view of Kimura (U.S. Patent No. 6,518,941) and Jeong (U.S. Patent No. 6,008,801).

Independent claim 4 recites a display device that includes a plurality of pixels, each of which includes a light emitting element having an anode, a cathode and an organic compound layer between the anode and the cathode. Claim 4 further recites that a polarity of an input digital video signal is inverted and a resultant signal is then input into the pixels. With respect to claim 4 and its dependent claims, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because neither Shibata, Kimura, Jeong, nor any proper combination of the three describes or suggests all of the features recited in claim 4. More specifically, applicant submits (1) that neither Shibata nor Kimura discloses the teachings alleged in the action, (2) that no proper motivation has been provided for modifying Shibata in view of Kimura in the described manner, and (3) that no proper motivation has been provided for modifying the combination of Shibata and Kimura in view of Jeong in the described manner. As a result, applicant submits